

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 10/555,860

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For: NOVEL SPACER MOIETY FOR POLY
(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) MODIFIED PEPTIDE
BASED COMPOUNDS

Examiner: J. Kosack

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO NOTICE OF NONRESPONSIVE REPLY

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") on September 30, 2008 for this application and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying Remarks.

An Amendment Transmittal Letter accompanies this response, along with payment of the estimated fee required for this amendment. It is believed that no additional fees and no Extensions of Time are required for this submission. However, should the PTO determine that any Extension of Time is required, then Applicants respectfully request that this document also be considered as a Petition for the required Extension(s) of Time and that the required Extension(s) be granted. Should the PTO determine that any additional fee is required (including fees for any required extensions of time) and/or that any refund is owed for this application, then

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the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to Deposit Account No. 04-0100 of Applicants' undersigned representatives.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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